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To: All BLM Employees

From: State Director

Subject: Travel - Change in Mileage Rates for Privately Owned Vehicles

This Information Bulletin is to advise Bureau of Land Management (BLM) travelers that the General Services Administration (GSA) has published new mileage reimbursement allowances effective February 4, 2005, for the use of a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) for government travel.

The reimbursement rate for use of a POV while in travel status depends upon the availability of a Government Owned Vehicle (GOV). The rates prescribed are as follows:

When the use of a POV is advantageous to the Government \$40.5 cents per mile

When a common carrier is most advantageous to the Government and a GOV is not available; the POV cost cannot exceed the cost of the common carrier, including any additional per diem costs. Any excess travel time must be charged to annual leave.

\$10.5 cents per mile

\$28.5 cents per mile

When a GOV is available and the employee elects to drive a POV, The allowable mileage reimbursement will not exceed the cost of common carrier travel, including additional per diem costs. Travel time in excess of that required on common carrier must be charged to annual leave.

Privately owned airplane \$1.07 cents per mile

Privately owned motorcycle \$30.5 cents per mile

When vouchering for mileage allowances when a common carrier is available a cost comparison must be attached to your voucher showing the cost of the trip as you would have performed it if a common carrier was used.

Budget Impact: None

Information regarding this change can be found in the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) Amendment 2005-01, FTR case 2005-301, Privately Owned Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement, as published in the Federal Register on February 4, 2005. The Manual Handbook sections affected are: BLM/BC/GI-97+1382

If you have any questions regarding this IB please contact Rosalind Davis, Travel Services at (916) 978-4523.

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